

Town of Odessa

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 2005

Meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a report from the State Police and called to order at 7:05 PM.

The Mayor then read the excuse provided by Councilman Allen and the letter of resignation from Councilman Sims (attached). Members present were Jim Grant, John Raudenbush, and Jerry Unrh. Public attendance is provided in the attached list.

The Mayor announced that the minutes for the February meeting were not yet complete, but would be available for the March meeting.

Items from the public other than those on the agenda: Ms Harvey raised issues with the Audit which had been received a few days earlier. She also cited issues with the Park and Street tree Ordinance.

The Mayor announced the list of candidates for April 4, 2005 election (list attached)

The Mayor presented a 3 year contract offer from Willard Massie. Pricing offered was the same price for 2005 as he charged in 2004 with proposed price increases in 2006 and 2007. A fixed price is also included for private property owners side walk weed and grass overgrowth prevention. After some discussion, Council decided to leave this offer to be entertained by the new Council to be seated on April 4.

The Mayor discussed a problem of roosting buzzards identified by some residents and possible solution with the assistance of the APHIS division of the USDA.

Councilman Raudenbush: Ordinance presented a first reading of an ordinance requiring that State Funded Projects be State Managed. He explained that managed meant that the state or a consultant for the state would do all the inspections and make any payments on behalf of the town from the funds granted for the project. There was some discussion on the definition of terms and a possible dollar amount which would trigger the application of the ordinance.

Councilman Raudenbush made the following suggestions:

Hire a new contractor to repair the Old Academy roof before the next meeting on 4/4.

People should be allowed to speak on all questions.

The agenda should be sent to the Transcript on the Monday before the meeting.

The Agenda format should be fixed and not changed.

He Agenda should be set at the current meeting for the next meeting.

All new business should be carried as old business until that item is closed.

Any change to the Agenda must be made more than seven (7) days before the meeting

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Items discussed that were not on the agenda: Councilman Unruh requested that the Mayor and Treasurer contact EPB Associates to request a refund of an over payment \$2000. All voted in favor. There was discussion about an inconsistency in the report of the rate of \$120 recorded in the June 2004 minutes and the rate charged by the attorney of \$125. The Mayor pointed out that the rate from the recording of the meeting was \$125.00, thus the minutes must be a typo. There was no vote on this issue.

Respectfully submitted,


R. Fulloch
Acting Secretary

Mayor